Crosland goes in fighting

By GEORGE GARDINER

E FIGHT for Labour's deputy leader- turned into a savage criticism of Wilson's leadership yesterday as the ty reeled from the shock of the thy Tydfil by-election.

Mr. Anthony Crosland declared he was ding "to give the party a sense of direction."

e are set on a course elf - destructive mad- I am standing in st," he said.

immediate reaction of r M.P.s was that if this ot a direct criticism of Mr. Wilson's leader- had done for the , then nothing was.

me is running out," Mr. and went on.

election in 1972 is a possibility. It is rately urgent to ate party unity on the of a radical, egalitarian list programme."

significance of this is he has chosen to run a ticket of protest st the present state of arty.

SIR BRANDON

Unity

vertheless, the con- is of opinion among ur M.P.s is that Mr. rd Short remains the runner, with Mr. ael Foot not far behind. like Mr. Crosland, they not issued a "mani- " stating positions on and that.

eryone knows what Mr. stands for. And Mr. knows that if M.P.s ote on the unity issue, are most likely to vote him.

wever, Mr. Crosland's criticisms undoubtedly t the feeling of many ur M.P.s. Indeed, many he deserved yesterday he result from Merthyr l.

seat which used to n a Labour M.P. with rities of more than 0, has now given ur a paltry lead of just The Field Green ish Nationalist eased their vote from in the General tion to 11,858.

Offers

ssingly, the pattern of h and Scottish revolt st Labour when the was in power is being ated in opposition.

ny Labour M.P.s were too eager to lay the e on Mr. Roy Jenkins's nation and all the ence of fundamental y split that followed. hers pleaded their ow was the result of unique set of local umstances.

t the fact remains that current state of the ur Party hardly provides candidate with the unition to fight off such allenge.

eanwhile, Mr. Wilson rs signs of getting assingly worried over his position

One vote against vasectomy Bill

ONLY one M.P. voted yesterday against the third reading of a Bill which will provide for a voluntary vasectomy service as part of the National Health Service.

The Bill, presented by Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Labour M.P. for Derby North, got its third reading by 75 votes to one in a sparsely attended Commons.

It now goes to the Lords.

The single "no" vote came from the Conservative M.P. for Kensington South, Sir Branden Rhys Williams.

The formal motion that the Bill should be read a third time, put to just over 25 members, brought loud shouts of "no" from two of the principal opponents, Mr. Anthony Fell, Conservative, Yarmouth and Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Conservative, Chigwell.

But the Deputy Speaker, Miss Harvie Anderson announced that the Bill had been read a third time.

This brought Mr. Fell to his feet in protest, and Miss Anderson said she did not hear the opposing voices.

Mr. Fell: "Then there must be something wrong with the amplification system."

The Deputy Speaker then said that she heard voices the second time she put the question, and offered to put it again.

She did so to a full-throated shout of no from the two main opponents, who then acted as tellers for the noes.

Mr. William Hamling, Labour, Woolwich West and Mr. Dick Leonard, Labour, Romford, were tellers for the supporters of the Bill.

Crane man collapses

rsemen rescued a crane r who collapsed at the rols of his crane at am yesterday.

e man, whose name was released, was taken the engineering works Crompton and Harrison to Sunderland Royal rmary.

Cleared dean off to London

JOHANNESBURG, Friday.

E Dean of Johannesburg, the Very Rev. Gonville ench Beytagh, who was acquitted of terrorism rges today, left here tonight on a direct flight for London.

The 60-year-old priest, a British subject and outspoken critic of apartheid, was convicted in Pretoria Supreme Court last year on three charges and given the minimum sentence of five years.

In a 226-page judgment handed down in the appellate division of the Supreme Court today the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Ogilvie-Thompson, said the trial judge had erred in finding the Dean guilty on any of the counts and ordered the conviction and sentence to be set aside.

Church bells rang out in Johannesburg but the bells of his own cathedral were silent when the Dean arrived for a special thanksgiving service after the verdict.

Several cathedral workers said the police had told them not to continue ringing the bells because of unnecessary noise.

Holiday

But when the stocky, white-haired Dean walked through the doors he was surrounded by well-wishers, nearly all African.

The Dean told the congregation: "I am going to be relieved for a very long time. I love it here and I am very sorry to be leaving in lots of ways."

He said he was going to England: "For a longish holiday. I don't know where I am going after that."

His term of office in Johannesburg has expired.

Award for fireman

male nurse was awarded British Empire Medal erday in recognition of service he has given in other job — as a fire- .

r. Tom Schofield, of rside, County Durham, senoir charge nurse at erton Hospital by night by day he is station er in charge of 20 men edgefield fire station. He been a part-time fire- for 36 years.

Labour toes rents line

By PETER HETHERINGTON
Our Municipal Reporter

ANY future Labour-controlled Newcastle City Council will abide by the Government's controversial Housing Finance Bill.

The city Labour Party has decided not to recommend a tough line of no co-operation with the Government to the council's opposition Socialist group.

Some Labour councils and opposition groups are refusing to implement the Bill, which becomes law in July.

Policy

If they take such a stand the Government will send in a commissioner to take over housing affairs.

Last week Newcastle City Council's Labour group turned down a militant motion from some councillors urging a tough line.

Now the city party—the policy making body—has decided a future Labour city council should toe the line.

Coun. Mrs. Doris Starkey, the city's Labour agent, said yesterday: "There was general agreement that, while we opposed the Bill, the legal requirements should be met."

The Left-Wing Tribune group of Labour M.P.s is now urging councils to take the tough line.

The Bill introduces a system of "fair rents" for council house tenants. It will mean increases for many but rebates for the lower paid.

Cyanide clean-up

Steps are being taken to clear up cyanide waste dumped in Hampshire.

Nearly 1,000 gallons of barium cyanide has been found and Portsmouth corporation said drums of cyanide waste deposit had been dumped in their area between July, 1970, and June last year.

Oil delivery

Iraq has agreed to deliver 7,000,000 tons of oil to Russia over the next four years.

Discotheque row led to suicide

Coroner tells of tormented mind

By Journal Reporter

A YOUNG man took his life on a railway line after badly injuring his fiancee during a tiff at a discotheque.

This was said at a Berwick inquest yesterday on Jimmy Patterson, a 20-year-old joiner of West Street, Spittal.

And the jury heard that police were searching for Patterson to prefer charges against him when his body was found by a rail technician on the main East Coast line only a few hundred yards from the discotheque.

He had been killed by a train travelling at 60 m.p.h.

Mr. Ian Percy, the coroner, said that Patterson had a violent quarrel with his fiancee, Maureen Swinney, aged 22, of Sandstell Road, Spittal, in the Red Lion public house.

It reached such a pitch that Patterson either threw a pint glass at her or jabbed it in her face.

Remorse

Mr. Percy added: "Patterson ran from the building. I have no doubt when he got into the cool air a feeling of remorse came over him. The first thing he would think of would be whether he had marked his fiancee for life, which could have been the case.

"His mind would be obsessed with the terrible sight of her face. Then he would wonder if she would become so disgusted and feel she had been badly treated that she would give him up. I have no doubt this preyed on his mind. He did not have the courage to talk it over."

Mr. Percy went on: "It must have been frightening. He must have been faced with mental torment."

The coroner said that the couple were planning to marry.

"It was a long-standing friendship which blossomed into love," said Mr. Percy, who added that the youth's mother, Mrs. Ellen Patterson, had identified her son by two rings, a watch and a tie found beside his badly mutilated body on the Edinburgh to London line.

Emotion

Police Sergeant W. Adams told the inquest that Miss Swinney had 16 stitches inserted in a face wound and Patterson, whose body was found 12 hours after the incident, would have been charged.

Mr. Percy described Patterson as a young man who was "very possessive and emotional and easily became jealous."

The jury returned a verdict that Patterson committed suicide while his mind was temporarily disturbed.

Hopes of fiver fortune

WINE salesman Raymond Hutchinson could hardly believe his eyes when he saw the Queen and the Duke of Wellington side by side on a £5 note.

For the Duke, who conquered Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815 and later became a British prime minister, normally stands alone on the reverse side of the new issue blue £5 notes.

But a customer visiting Carter's Wine Lodge in Nun Street, Newcastle, presented Mr. Hutchinson, who works there, with a rather different version of the fiver.

For the Queen and words "Bank of England" have been superimposed on the reverse side of the note.

Her Majesty stands rather uncomfortably in the middle of one of the Duke's famous battles in the early 19th Century.

Last night a Bank of England spokesman in London advised Mr. Hutchinson, aged 41, of Alwinton Close, Newbiggin Hall Estate, Westerhope, to take his mysterious note along to the Bank's Newcastle branch for examination.

Mr. Hutchinson said yesterday: "I have already had offers of £50 for it but I don't want to sell until I have a clear idea of what it might fetch.

"Cashiers at my local bank have told me that the note looks quite genuine and friends who collect coins have advised me to hang on to it."

'Phreaking' out radio ham fined

DUNCAN CAMPBELL liked to call up people on the telephone. But the calls were to Moscow, Los Angeles and Melbourne—and Campbell, an Oxford student—didn't pay for any of them.

Until yesterday, when he was fined a total of £200 with £200 costs for making international telephone calls by the "phreaking" system.

Campbell, a physics student at Brasenose College, admitted at Oxford magistrates' court, two charges of dishonestly using the telephone system with intent to avoid payment. He asked for five other offences to be considered.

Mr. Russell Harris, prosecuting for the Post Office, said Campbell, who comes from Strathern Road, Dundee, was the first person in Britain to be prosecuted for using the device.

American

He said the blue box used for "phreaking" was an American invention.

In this case the only difference was a dial on the box instead of buttons.

The illegal system took over by using certain codes along with the blue box simulator.

In February it became obvious that calls were being made from Oxford which were passing through irregular routes, said Mr. Harris.

Plotted

Post Office investigators plotted these and found they were being made from two telephones in St. John's College.

The calls, said Mr. Harris, were being made to various places, including Moscow, Melbourne, and Washington, Virginia and Los Angeles.

The two calls in the court charges concerned one to a "Place of ill-repute on Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, and the other to a man called Vladimir in Moscow."

The call to Moscow, alleged Mr. Harris, said: "I'm phoning from London to express solidarity from the English Jewish students and we sympathise with you."

Radio hour

Mr. Anthony Peet, defending, said Campbell's interest in the telephone arose because of his scholarship in physics and his interest in electronics and telecommunication. He was also a radio ham.

"I hope he won't be considered as a ring leader in this country," said Mr. Peet.

● The "Phreaker" places the blue box over the telephone mouthpiece, presses a button and receives a high pitched bleep.

He is then "up on tandem," which means that he is ready to punch out the code he wants by pressing a button on the face of the box.

B-test still effective

The breathalyser was still helping to cut accidents around pub closing time, three years after it was introduced, a Government report claimed yesterday.

The report also shows that 23 per cent. of pedestrian casualties were people who emerged from behind stationary vehicles, and nearly 10 per cent. were people walking, playing or working in the road without attempting to cross.

A price on her head

The Thai government has offered a reward of £365 for the capture "dead or alive" of a 19-year-old former beauty queen who is now a Communist guerilla leader.

Major-General Sant Chitpatima said that the girl, known only as Miss Prasitsi, went to North Vietnam two years ago for guerilla training.

Rhodesian barred

The Australian government has barred Rhodesian delegate, Mr. Godfrey Carmichael, from attending a conference in Canberra next week.

Mr. Carmichael, was to have attended a conference of an international commission on large dams.

Dr. Miller champions health service

NEWCASTLE University's Vice - Chancellor, Dr. Henry Miller, yesterday came to the support of the North-East's health service — recently under heavy attack from hospital consultants.

He dismissed the criticisms as alarmist.

"I would sooner be a patient in practically any National Health Service Hospital than in a private hospital," he said.

His reply followed allegations of serious understaffing and disintegration from the Regional Hospitals' Consultants and Specialist Association and a North-East consultant, Mr. T. C. B. Serjeant.

Dr. Miller said: "It would be wrong to pretend that everything is perfect.

"But the difficulties we face are less than almost any other developed country in the world.

"The best solution to the understaffing problem is to train more young doctors and that is what we are doing in the North-East.

"We are going to double the output of Newcastle's Medical School so we should be able to meet the needs of the region from our own domestic resources."

A final wave from members of Cramlington Round Table before setting off on a marathon charity drive.

Marathon cash drive

ROUND Tablers from Cramlington last night set off on the first leg of a marathon fund-raising drive.

Their target during the next eight days will be to visit every Round Table in Britain to raise money for the NSPCC, and this is the first time such a nation-wide tour has been attempted.

Eleven members are taking a week off work for the drive, and will cover set areas of England, Scotland and Wales. Another 14 will spend the weekend and their spare time next week visiting North-East Round Tables.

At each Table they visit, they will also help to put the North-East on the map by handing out Northumberland Tourist Board publicity leaflets.

"It is going to be an exhausting week," said Mr. Ken Bowman, of Harnham Grove, Cramlington, the trip organiser. "But we are hoping it will raise well over the four-figure mark for the society."

Puzzle of missing youngsters

By IAN HEPBURN

A PUZZLE surrounded the whereabouts of a South Shields mathematics student and his ballerina girlfriend last night.

David Fergus, 19, of Gorse Avenue, South Shields, borrowed his father's car for a tour of ballet theatres on the Continent where his girlfriend, Jane Morgan, 17, was seeking work.

But last Friday, on the eve of the couple's scheduled return, David's father, Mr. Herbert Fergus received a telegram from David, stranded in Nantes.

The telegram read: "Clutch useless. New clutch £50. Enough money for one week. No help. No RAC. No embassy."

Since then, no word has been heard from the couple, who were travelling in a Ford Cortina. The postcards and letters sent by Jane to her home at The Rendezvous Hotel, Elmer Sands, Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, stopped suddenly.

And, says David's father, despite a week of frantic calls to the Foreign Office, the British Embassy in Paris, the police and the Post Office, he has failed to get a search started, or to send any money.

Unfortunately, David, a first-year student at the Imperial College, London, failed to give a forwarding address when he sent the cable.

Mr. Fergus, an instructor at the Killingworth Government Training Centre, went immediately to his local post-office to arrange to send the £50 to Nantes.

But he was told he could not send any money to a person without a permanent address in France.

Mr. Fergus asked South Shields police to contact their French colleagues and start a search.

The police said it could only be organised through Interpol. And they refused to act unless a person had been missing for more than 14 days.

He then put in a call to the British Embassy in Paris, pleading with them to help trace the couple. They replied that David was an adult and nothing could be done.

The Foreign Office in London told him the same story.

Mr Fergus again called the British Embassy in Paris, and explained that David's girl-friend was a minor.

The Embassy told him that even so, a search could not be launched without a personal representation from the girl's father.

Jane's father, hotelier Mr. Peter Morgan, was on holiday in Italy with his wife and three other children, and out of touch.

Last night, Mr. Morgan had returned home and had spoken to the British Embassy.

"When we got back we were greeted by a phone call from the police," he said.

Watch this birdie

WATCH the birdie. That's the message from Murton photographers about their current pin-up, 17-year-old Jackie Short.

Members of the County Durham photographic club reckon they know a beauty when they see one, and Jackie, of Burnip Road, Murton, is their latest model to hit the Coal Queen trail.

Two years ago it was Jean Robson who struck a rich seam and went on to become the national Coal Queen.

Then last year Rosemarie Osborne came out tops in the search for a Durham Coal Queen.

Now it may be the turn of Jackie, whose father, Mr. Charles Short, is president of the photographic club.

"Last year I was just too young to enter the competition, but I'm eligible this year and I'm hoping to make up for lost time," said Jackie.

By Journal Reporter

Rap for landowners

RAMBLERS yesterday condemned country people who set a "mass of illegal barriers" across footpaths and walks in Northumberland.

And they claim that some landowners and farmers are deliberately discouraging people from using rights of way.

The 33rd annual report of the Ramblers' Association, Northern Area, says that ramblers are as concerned as ever about obstructions.

"We still have to be convinced that there is not a concerted effort being made by some landowners and farmers to discourage, even deter people from using rights of way."

Mr. John Woodcock, secretary of the National Farmers' Union, said that the claim that farmers deliberately obstructed paths was untrue.

"The only people who put money into the countryside are the farmers," he said.

"If the Ramblers' Association would start working in co-operation with the farmers, rather than just criticising, I think they would get much further.

By Journal Reporter

Cathedral services

TOMORROW

Newcastle: St. Nicholas, 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 9 a.m. Matins; 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion; 6 p.m. Evensong. St. Mary's: Mass at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Durham: 7.50 a.m. Litany; 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m. Matins; 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 3.30 p.m. Evensong.

Carlisle: 7.50 a.m. Litany; 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m. Matins; 11.30 a.m. Eucharist; 3 p.m. Evensong; 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Home loans record

Building societies' chief, Mr. Stanley Morton, yesterday rejected the idea of cutting back loans to help check soaring house prices.

His decision came as the Building Societies' Association announced a record £301m. in home loans last month.

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Something for all the family on Sundays

SPECIAL THIS WEEK

WHO ARE THE NORTH'S HEART-THROB FOOTBALLERS?

George Best gets more than his fair share of female attention. It's time we North-East women shouted the praises of our soccer lads! This week She-page starts the ball rolling with a few names. And invites suggestions from you.

MY MUM'S THE BEST BECAUSE...

Last week we asked you to tell us why. This week we publish your answers. And find out who wins the prize for the best letter.

WHO SHOT THE AUROCHS?

Dan O'Neill continues this probing series about visitors from the stars. And comes up with some challenging questions. Like was the Lambton Worm a flying saucer?

LAKELAND IN THE SPRING

A colourful guide to a colourful country.

BEST FOR SPORT ON SUNDAY

Top reporters cover the top North-East soccer matches.

BRISTOL CITY v. SUNDERLAND — Paul Chester
MIDDLESBROUGH v. NORWICH CITY — Ivor Broadis
CARDIFF CITY v. CARLISLE UNITED—David Alexander
STOKE CITY v. ARSENAL — Basil Easterbrook
LEEDS UNITED v. BIRMINGHAM — Bob Harris

Plus reports on Crewe v. Hartlepool, Lincoln v. Darlington and Workington v. Newport.

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THIS WEEKEND